

**KALP NATHRAI:** (a) to (c). The proposal for installation of Gandhar Combined Cycle Gas Turbine Project (615MW) by the Gujarat State, in the State Sector, was techno-economically approved by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) in October, 1989, on base load basis, at an estimated cost of Rs. 573.73 Crores, subject to confirmation of 2.25 MCMD of gas by the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas. The total quantity of gas available from the Gandhar gas-fields for power generation, keeping in view the commitments already made, is of the order of about 3 MCMD. The Government of India have, in consultation with the State of Gujarat, decided in January, 1992 that the available gas be utilised for setting up of two power projects—one in the Central Sector by the National Thermal Power Corporation and other in the State Sector by the Gujarat authorities by utilising 1.5 MCMD of gas in each of these power stations. This linkage of 1.5 MCMD of gas would enable the stations to operate on variable load basis. The Gandhar CCGT project proposed to be set up in the State Sector is required to be re-appraised by the CEA to enable it to operate on variable load basis with reference to gas linkage of 1.5 MCMD and the need for updating the cost estimates to bring them to a realistic level. Both the CEA and the Gujarat State Govt. have been advised to take necessary action in this regard. The State Sector project of Gujarat could be considered for sanction only after it has received techno-economic approval as aforesaid.

It has also been decided by the Government in January '92 that if any additional gas becomes available at the Gandhar Gas fields it should be allocated to the NTPC's power project and the Gujarat Government's power project at Gandhar to take their allocation to 2.25 MCMD so that they could operate as base load stations.

#### **Leasing out to Lakshadweep Islands**

**4087. SHRI CHANDRAJEET YADAV:**

**SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE:**

**SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL:**

**SHRI P.M. SAYEED:**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government propose to lease out two islands falling within Lakshadweep to private parties for the Development of tourism;

(b) if so, the criteria proposed to be adopted for this purpose; and

(c) the tourist traffic anticipated as a result thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):** (a) to (c). It is proposed to give two islands namely Thinakkara and Cheriyam with an area of approximately 41.8 hect. and 45.5 hect. respectively on long term lease for development of tourism resorts based on international competitive officers. Offers will be considered in accordance with investment policy, environment regulations and other factors related to the need for development of tourism infrastructure and facilities in the country. The development of new island resorts will diversify and enrich the Indian tourism product and increase tourist traffic to the country.

[Translation]

#### **Electronic Exchanges in Gujarat and Haryana**

**4088. SHRI S.N. VEKARIA:**  
**SHRI AVATAR SINGH BHADANA:**

**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of electronic telephone exchanges functioning in Gujarat and Haryana;

(b) the number out of these functioning in Faridabad (Haryana) and Rajkot (Gujarat), separately; and

(c) the number of new telephone exchanges proposed to be set up in both the said districts during 1992-93 and the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The number of Electronic exchanges functioning in Gujarat and Haryana as on 31.1.92 are:

|         |   |     |
|---------|---|-----|
| Gujarat | — | 288 |
|---------|---|-----|

|         |   |     |
|---------|---|-----|
| Haryana | — | 238 |
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(b) The number of electronic exchanges functioning in Faridabad (Haryana) & Rajkot (Gujarat) as on 31.1.92 are:-

|                     |   |    |
|---------------------|---|----|
| Faridabad (Haryana) | — | 10 |
|---------------------|---|----|

|                  |   |   |
|------------------|---|---|
| Rajkot (Gujarat) | — | 8 |
|------------------|---|---|

(c) No. of New Telephone Exchanges proposed to be set up during 92-93 subject to approval of plans and availability of demand are as under:

|                    |   |   |
|--------------------|---|---|
| Faridabad District | — | 4 |
|--------------------|---|---|

|                 |   |   |
|-----------------|---|---|
| Rajkot District | — | 8 |
|-----------------|---|---|

The details are as per statement attached.

#### STATEMENT

*Tentative List of Telephone Exchanges proposed to be set up during 1992-93 in Faridabad & Rajkot district*

(a) *Faridabad district.*

1. Deeghot

2. Aurangabad

3. Jasana

4. Manjhawali

(b) *Rajkot District.*

1. Virnagar

2. Khirasara

3. Khambhala

4. Bhadali

5. Suwage

6. Khorana

7. Kerali

8. Khakharechi

#### Telephone Exchanges in Uttar Pradesh

4089. SHRI DEVI BUX SINGH:

DR. LAL BAHADUR RAWAL:

DR. RAMESH CHAND

TOMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of telephone exchanges set up in Uttar Pradesh during 1990-91 and the locations thereof;

(b) the total number of places where the Government propose to set up new telephone exchanges in the State during 1992; and

(c) the time by which electronic telephone exchanges are likely to be installed in Anwla and Bareilly?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE